

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Canceled)
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12. (Canceled)
13. (Withdrawn) A method of treating Herpes virus infections in humans or animal subjects, comprising applying to a subject a water-soluble extract of *Palmaria*.
14. (Withdrawn) a method according to Claim 14, wherein the application is ingestion.
15. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition for treating ~~viruses~~ viral infections, said composition comprising a capsule containing a powder which has been water extracted and purified from ~~water-soluble extract of~~ *Palmaria palmata*.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to Claim 17, for treating viruses, said composition comprising a water-soluble extract of *Palmaria*

palmata to be ingested three times daily for administration orally, intravenously or topically, further comprising an orally acceptable carrier, an intravenously acceptable carrier and a topically acceptable carrier, wherein said composition comprises 200 mg of the water-soluble extract, and wherein said composition is contained in a capsule.

19. (Canceled)
20. (Withdrawn) A method of recovering the water-soluble extract of *Palmaria palmata* for use in the production of a pharmaceutical composition effective against viruses, the method comprising drying the *Palmaria palmata* to a predetermined water content, comminuting the material to a fine powder and then dissolving the powder in water.
21. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 15, including the step of storing the powder at or below room temperature.
22. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 15, including the step of centrifuging the solution and recovering the supernatant.
23. (Withdrawn) A method according to Claim 15, wherein the dried material is mixed with water in the ration of 50g:300 ml.
24. (Withdrawn) A method of treating a viral infection, said method comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutical composition to a person infected with a virus, said pharmaceutical composition comprising a water-soluble extract of *Palmaria palmata*.
25. (Withdrawn) A method of Claim 19, wherein the composition is administered either orally, intravenously, or topically.
26. (Withdrawn) A method of Claim 20, wherein the composition is administered orally for ingestion.
27. (Withdrawn) A method of Claim 19, wherein the person is infected with a virus of the Herpes family.
28. (Withdrawn) A method of Claim 22, wherein the virus is either Herpes Simplex Type I or Herpes Simplex Type 2.

29. (Withdrawn) A method of Claim 19, wherein the composition is a powder.
30. (Withdrawn) A method of Claim 24, wherein 200 mg of the powder is administered 3 times in one day.
31. (Withdrawn) A method of Claim 25, wherein the composition comprises powder that had been obtained by removing from an aqueous solution that had contained *Palmaria palmata* and then had been filtered.
32. (Withdrawn) A composition of Claim 19, said water-soluble extract being in the form of a powder that had been obtained by removing water from an aqueous solution that had contained *Palmaria palmata* and then had been filtered.
33. (Withdrawn) A composition of Claim 19, said water-soluble extract having been prepared by a process that comprised filtering an aqueous extract of *Palmaria palmata*.
34. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 15, wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises a capsule containing 200 mg of a powder which has been water extracted and purified from *Palmaria palmata*.